Sri Lankan Issue

143. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil United Liberation Front leaders have responded to the draft formulations sent by the Sri Lankan Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The TULF leaders have revised the draft formulations sent by the Sri Lankan Government after discussions with legal experts.

The revised package has been conveyed to other Tamil groups with a view to continuing the discussions towards finding a political solution of the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.

Decline in Export of Coffee

144. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the export of Indian coffee during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of exports of coffee to various countries during the last three years and what is the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to boost the exports of coffee during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exports of coffee and foreign exchange earned thereby during the last three years was as under:

Year	Exports	
	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1983-84 . .	71179	175·05
1984-85 . .	68896	209·09
1985-86 . .	99298	74·98

A statement indicating the Country-wise exports is enclosed (*See* below)

(d) As an export incentive, Cash Compensatory Support is provided on export of coffee in value added form. Coffee Board is participating in various International Fairs, as a measure to increase exports of Coffee. Coffee Board is organising research, extension and training for augmenting production which well make higher export surpluses possible.

Statement

Country-wise Export of Coffee during last three Years

Quantity in Tonnes

Country	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1	2	3	4
Canada	1244	1813	1881
U.S.A.	10202	6909	13434
U.K.	568	304	842